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	<b>Filing Date</b>	August 22, 2000
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	<b>Art Unit</b>	3731
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	V. Nguyen
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	019635-000210US

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2. **Miscellaneous**

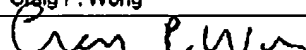
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- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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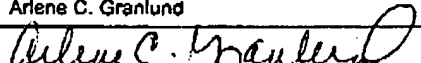
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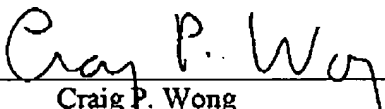
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Documents Attached

- 1. Amendment after Final w/attachment
- 2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

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